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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin HOWITT

Title: EMERGENCY EVACUATION APPARATUS FOR A BED-RIDDEN PERSON

U.S. Serial No.: 10/590,616

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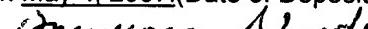
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**PETITION TO REVIVE AN UNAVOIDABLY OR UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) and (b)**

Dear Sir:

This petition is being submitted in response to a March 13, 2007 Notice of Abandonment. The Notice states that the Applicant failed to timely pay the required U.S. Basic National fee within the statutory period of 30 months from the January 17, 2005 international filing.

Failure to pay resulted from the non-receipt of a notice to file missing parts.

The attorney of record, on August 24, 2006 timely filed an application to initiate national proceedings pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371. The application contained all required elements, except for a signed declaration and a fee check. Consequently, the attorney of record expected to receive a notice of missing parts which would allow the applicant to submit both documents. However, according to Private PAIR, no notice to file missing parts had been sent from the USPTO.

Concerned about the status of the application, the attorney of record sent a Status Inquiry on January 19, 2007 (confirmation enclosed). Rather than receiving a response to the Status Inquiry, the attorney of record received the Notice of Abandonment. Up to this time, it was impossible to verify the status of the application as access to it via Private PAIR had not been granted even though the original documents correctly identified the office of the attorney of record who has a Private PAIR account. Had the Patent Office sent a Notice of Missing Parts or had counsel been granted Private PAIR access, the abandonment would have been avoided.

Revival of this application after its unavoidable abandonment is respectfully solicited. The small entity revival fee for the instant petition is enclosed herewith per 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l). Further, the entire national fee along with the fee calculation sheet are enclosed.

Alternatively, if the above basis is not sufficient to revive the application due to unavoidable delay, revival of this application is respectfully solicited as the abandonment was unintentional. If there are any deficiencies or overpayments in the enclosed fee check, the Office is authorized to charge or credit the undersigned's PTO Account No. 501709.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of

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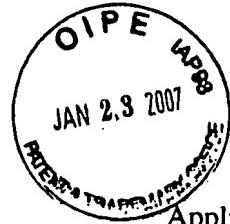
the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing herein.

Respectfully submitted,  
**CHERSKOV & FLAYNIK**

By:   
Michael J. Cherskov (33,664)

# Confirmation of Status Inquiry

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PATENT

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Applicant: HOWITT, Kevin

Serial No.: 10/590,616

Application: EMERGENCY EVACUATION APPARATUS FOR A BED-RIDDEN PERSON

Art Unit: N/A

Filing Date: August 24, 2006

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## STATUS INQUIRY

Sir/Madam:

Applicant requests a Status Update in the above-identified matter.

It has been nearly five months since the above-identified Application was filed but no filing receipt or missing parts notice has been received. A photocopy of our return receipt postcard evidencing said filing is enclosed herewith.

Please advise when the Applicant can expect an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Michael J. Cherskov  
Reg. No.: 33,664  
Attorney for applicants

Dated: January 19, 2007

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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   | <b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b><br>0078-01889                       |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/GB20005/000142   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>Jan. 17 2005 | <b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)</b><br>10/590616 |
| <b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b><br>Emergency Evacuation Apparatus for a Bed-Ridden Person   |   |   |
| <b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b><br>Kevin Howitt  |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |   |
| <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |   |   |
| <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p>  |   |   |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br>10/590,616   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/GB2005/0000142                           |              | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>0078-01889 |              |
| <p>20. Other items or information:<br/> <b>Petition to Revive an Unavoidably or Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) and (b)</b></p>  |              |   |              |  |              |
| <p>The following fees have been submitted</p> <p>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$300</p> <p>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))<br/>           If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0<br/>           All other situations..... \$200</p> <p>23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))<br/>           If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0<br/>           Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100<br/>           International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB..... \$400<br/>           All other situations..... \$500</p> |              |   |              | CALCULATIONS                           | PTO USE ONLY |
|   |              |   |              | \$ 300.00                              |              |
|   |              |   |              | \$ 200.00                              |              |
|   |              |   |              | \$ 400.00                              |              |
| <b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>   |              |   |              | 900.00                                 |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) in an electronic medium or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)).<br>The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.   |              |   |              | \$ 0.00                                |              |
| Total Sheets  | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) |              |  |              |
| - 100 =   | /50 =        |   |              | x \$250                                | \$ 0.00      |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).   |              |   |              | \$ 0.00                                |              |
| CLAIMS  |              | NUMBER FILED  | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE                                   | \$           |
| Total claims  |              | 18 - 20 =   | 0            | x \$ 50                                | \$ 0.00      |
| Independent claims  |              | 3 - 3 =   | 0            | x \$200                                | \$ 0.00      |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)   |              |   |              | + \$360                                | \$ 0.00      |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>  |              |   |              | \$ 900.00                              |              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.   |              |   |              | \$ 450.00                              |              |
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| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |              |   |              | \$ 450.00                              |              |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(l)).   |              |   |              | \$ 0.00                                |              |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>   |              |   |              | \$ 450.00                              |              |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property  |              |   |              | \$ 0.00                                |              |
| <b>FILING FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |   |              | \$ 450.00                              |              |
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PETITION FEE (SMALL ENTITY) = \$250.00

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**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

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